

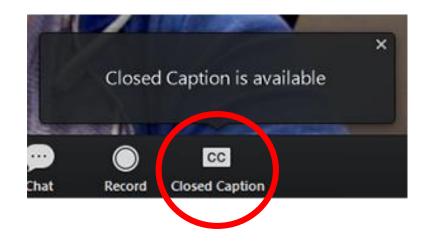


# Expanding CalFresh to SSI Recipients: Outreach Campaign Kick-off for Partners

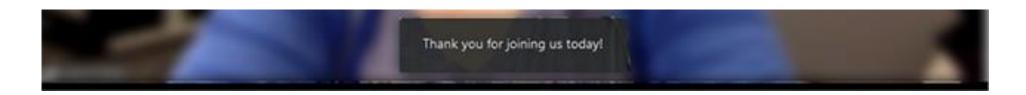
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CalFresh & Nutrition Branch

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## Food for All

























## Welcome to Partners: Kim McCoy Wade

CalFresh & Nutrition Branch Chief,
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### **Partner: Michael Herald**

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### **Partner: Joseph Barry**

Disability Organizing Group For Initiating Total Equality (DOGFITE)





### Partner: Megan Gamble

Communications & Outreach Manager,
County Welfare Directors Association (CWDA)





## Agenda

- Policy Overview
- Outreach Tool Kit
- CDSS Outreach Plan
- Local Partner Outreach Plans
  - Los Angeles County, Department of Public Social Services
  - Shasta County, Health and Human Services
  - CA Association of Food Banks/ SF-Marin Food Bank
  - 2-1-1 San Diego
  - CA Department of Aging/ SF Area Agency on Aging
  - Resources for Independent Living, Sacramento

- CalFresh food provides monthly food benefits for people with low-income (known nationally as SNAP)
- Food benefits are issued via EBT card and can be used at any grocery store or farmers market that accepts EBT
- The average amount nationally for older adult or people with disabilities is \$105-\$110 per month

The state budget for FY 18-19 enacted June 2018 allows older adults and people with disabilities receiving SSI/SSP to also be eligible for CalFresh food benefits for the first time beginning June 2019.



#### SSI/SSP

There is NO change or reduction to SSI/SSP benefit.



### Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI)

CAPI recipients will receive a \$10 per person grant increase.

Two new state food programs created to mitigate harm to those households negatively impacted by the change:

- Supplemental Nutrition Benefit (SNB) Program will provide supplemental state-funded nutrition benefits to CalFresh households that experience a CalFresh benefit <u>reduction</u> at the time of implementation.
- Transitional Nutrition Benefit (TNB) Program will provide transitional state-funded nutrition benefits to CalFresh households that experience a CalFresh <u>eligibility loss</u> at the time of implementation.

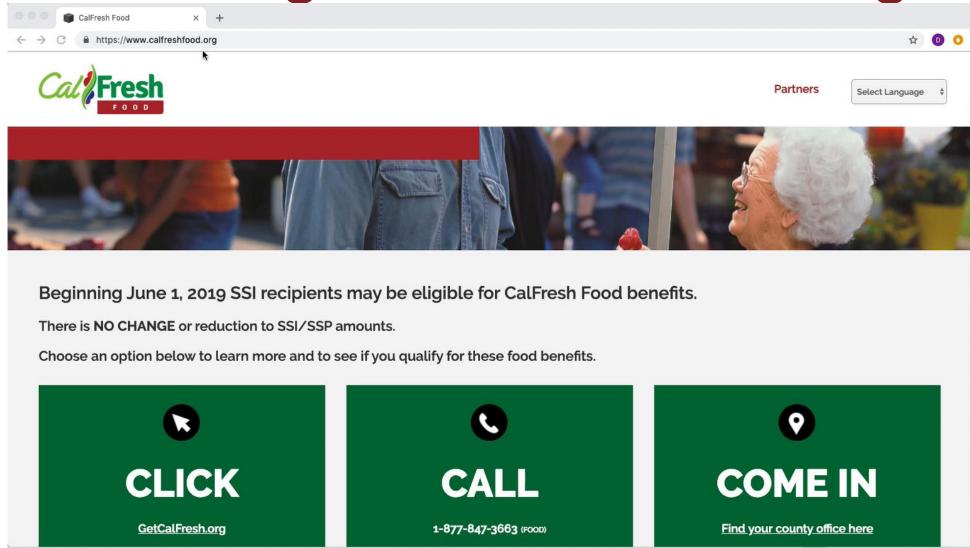
Key CalFresh policies for households with older adults and people with disabilities:

- Authorized Representatives can apply on behalf of and assist households to maintain benefits
- Reasonable accommodations will be provided when needed by people with disabilities
- Older adults and people with disabilities may be eligible for three year certification
- Medical expenses may be deducted to get more CalFresh food benefits
- All shelter expenses may be deducted to get more CalFresh food benefits

## Outreach Tool Kit for the Expansion of CalFresh



## Web Page: CalFreshFood.org







## Web Page: CalFreshFood.org/Partners



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#### Expanding CalFresh to SSI Recipients - PARTNER TOOLS

#### **FLYER**

Note: Large print and braille formats pending.

- English
- Spanish (pending)
- Chinese (pending)
- Russian (pending)
- Vietnamese (pending)

#### ADDITIONAL CALFRESH OUTREACH TOOLS

- CalFresh Food Logo Templates
- CalFresh Healthy Living Resources
- · Get More at Farmers Market

#### Expanding CalFresh to SSI Recipients - TRAININGS

For recorded webinar presentations, webinar presentation slides, and/or handouts, visit the Expanding CalFresh to SSI Recipients Training webpage.

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## **Outreach Tool Kit Overview**

**Digital tool kit** featuring client and partner materials:

- Flyer
- Posters (various sizes)
- Brochures
  - Older Adults
  - People with Disabilities
  - Caregivers
- Fact Sheet

- Translations in Spanish, Russian, Cantonese, and Vietnamese languages
- Available in large print, digitally accessible format, and Braille for the blind or visually impaired

**Posters** in English/Spanish mailing to counties and assisters

## **Outreach Toolkit Materials: Flyer**

## DO YOU RECEIVE SSI? DON'T MISS OUT ON FOOD BENEFITS







Beginning June 1, 2019 SSI recipients may be eligible for **CalFresh Food benefits**.

#### What is CalFresh Food?

CalFresh Food helps people with low-income buy the nutritious food they need for good health. Recipients can buy food any grocery store or farmers market that accepts EBT.

#### How do I know if I am eligible?

- Click, Call or Come in to your local county office.
   Complete an application by phone, on-line,
  - or in person.

    Complete an interview by phone or in person
  - Provide proof of income and expenses,
- The county will determine your eligibility in 30 days or less.

#### Does CalFresh Food change my SSI benefits?

There is NO CHANGE or reduction to SSI/SSP amounts.









For other languages, or reasonable accommodations, find an office at CalFreshFood.org. For speech and/or hearing assistance call 711 Relay.

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## **Outreach Toolkit Materials: Poster**

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Click GetCalFresh.org to apply online



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NO SE PIERDA LOS BENEFICIOS DE ALIMENTOS





A partir del 1 de Junio de 2019, los beneficiarios de SSI pueden ser elegibles para recibir beneficios de CalFresh Food.

No hay cambios en SSI/SSP.



- Haga clic en **GetCalFresh.org**para enviar la solicitud
  en línea
- Llame al **1-877-847-3663** (FOOD)
- Encuentre una oficina en CalFreshFood.org

Para otros idiomas o adaptaciones razonables, encuentre una oficina en CalFreshFood.org. Para ayuda con el habla o la audición, llame al 711 Relay.

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### **Outreach Toolkit Materials: Brochures**



**Older Adults** 

People with Disabilities

Caregivers





### **Outreach Toolkit Materials: Fact Sheet**





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#### FOOD BENEFITS

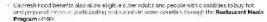
#### What are Calfresh Food benefits?

- CalFresh provides monthly Food benefits for individuals and families with low income. CalFresh is California's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).
- Call-resh Hood benefits are issued monthly to eligible households via an Electronic Benefit Transfer (FBT) card. The FBT card can be used a greecry slores and farmers markets that scoop!
- Califiesh Tood benefits stretch food collars for individues and families. This means more money for more nutritious foods, including fruits and vegetables.
- The amount of Califresh Hood benefits a household receives is based on household size, income, and monthly expenses, such as housing, critities, and modical costs. The average amount nationally for an older adult or person with disability is \$105 – \$110 per morch. The range is \$15 - \$192 cer month.

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- Employment and training services may also be available to increase the employment and earning. capacity of Call-resh recipients.
- Attare welcome older adults, qualified immigrants, people with disabilities, non-English speakers, people who are homeless, children, and all recipients of SS.

#### What does the expansion of CalFresh to SSI recipients mean for SSI?

- Older adults and people with disabilities receiving BSI may be eligible for CalFresh Food benefits beginning June est and any time thereafter.
- There is **NO CHANGE** to the SSI/SSP monthly benefit ISS recipients may now get both SSI/SSP
- Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI) recipients will automatically receive a \$15 per person grant increase beginning June 1st to be the same as SS /SSP.
- New scale Supplemental Nutrition Benefits (SNE) on FBT were cressed as aid existing Califresh households with an excluded SS member that experience a drop in their Call-resh benefits when the SSI member is added at implementation.
- New state Transitional Nutrition Benefits (TNB) on EBT were created to aid existing Ca. Fresh households with an exclude: 5S member that experience a total loss of their CalCresh benefits when the SS member is added at implementation.







Still Eligible for CalFresh, Decreeoed Food Banefile



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#### APPLICATION PROCESS

#### For New Applicants

- The Cal Fresh application processing uses:
- 5. Complete an application click, call, or come in
- 2. Complete an interview call or come in
- 3. Provide proof of income and expenses, if needed.
- 4. County determines eligibility in go days or less long days if there is zero or very little money available:
- County provides an EBT card.
- Language services and masonable accommodations for people with disabilities are provided by
- I households may be eligible for expedited services (benefits within 3 days) if they have zero or very little money available.
- Proof of income and expenses may be required, including housing and medical costs. If you need, mere information or are having difficulty obtaining proof, the county office can help you.
- A household may designate an Authorized Representative (AR) to act on behalf of the household by phone con-line, or in person. To apply on behalf of a household, the AR most provide proof of identity for themselves and the applicant.
- SSI recipients may be eligible for Califresh beginning June 1st. Applications for June Califresh benefits may be submitted in May, SSI recipients that apply in May will still only receive June Cal Fresh benefits: The date of any May application will not impact, the amount of Jone CalFresh benefits. Contact your local county for more information
- Beginning June 1st, the Social Security Administration (SSA) field offices will also screen SSI recipients at application or recetermination. SSA will assist SS - only households who are not receiving Ca Fresh to apply this is known as "joint processing". SSt individuals in a household with non SSI-members will be referred by SSA to the county for assistance to apply



#### For Households Already Receiving CalFresh

- Households who already receive Cal Fresh and who have an excluded, member do not need to re-apply. Counties will contact those households at their next report date. Households can always contact counties with questions or to report a chance.
- If a household adding the SSI recipient results in sint.
- Increase in a household's current Cal-resh food benefits, they will simply receive more. CalFresh loop tagrefits on their existing EBT card.
- Reduction in household's current Cat Fresh food benefits, they may be disjible to receive the Supplemental Nutrition Benefit (SNB) on their existing EBT card.
- Total to a chairent Ca Fresh lood benefits, they may be eligible to receive the **Transitional** Nutrition Benefit (TNB) instead on their existing ±B1 card.
- A CalFresh household is defined by "purchase and prepare irules. Some SSI recipients may purchase and prepare food separately from others in their residence, and then they may be considered their own CalFresh household.

#### Including Expenses Can Lead to More Food Assistance

- Households with at least one observaturt and/or person with disability with verifice out of pocket medical expenses over \$35 and less than \$155 a month can claim Standard Medical Deduction of \$120. Eligible households can always claim actual expenses above \$156.
- Households that include at least one older adult and/or person with disability have no cap on the shelter deduction and may claim all actual shelter expenses
- Households that include a member that works or is looking for work may deduct actual costs for dependent care, including child care or care for an other adult annivor person with disability recordless of acie.









For more information: www.CalFreshFood.org Funded by USDA, an equal opportunity provider and employe



## **CDSS Outreach Plan**

- Press release May 1<sup>st</sup> for CalFresh Awareness Month
- Social media (#ChooseCalFresh from LADPSS)
- Postcard to SSI recipients in May
- Radio ads and op-eds June-August





## **Local Partner Outreach Across the State**



## **Partnerships**

- California Department of Social Services
- California Health and Human Services Agency
- Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services
- Shasta County Health & Human Services Agency
- San Francisco-Marin Food Bank
- 2-1-1 San Diego
- California Department of Aging/ San Francisco Area Agency on Aging
- Resources for Independent Living, Sacramento





### Mark Ghaly, MD, MPH

Secretary
California Health and Human Services Agency
(CHHS)







## **LADPSS Outreach**

#### **Text Messages**

 DPSS will be sending out text messages to IHSS recipients and to current CalFresh households containing an SSI/SSP recipient. The purpose of text messages is to inform these two populations that they are potentially eligible for CalFresh effective June 1, 2019.

#### **Outbound Calls**

• DPSS will be conducting outbound calls to 1) IHSS recipients on SSI, and 2) current CalFresh households containing an SSI/SSP recipient. The purpose of the calls is to inform these two populations that they are potentially eligible for CalFresh effective June 1, 2019.

## **LADPSS Outreach**

#### **IHSS Providers Informational Notice**

 The Informational Notice is target IHSS providers as they already provide care to the IHSS recipients. The idea is to encourage IHSS providers to inform IHSS recipients about the CalFresh Program and their new opportunity for potential eligibility. This informational notice is intended to inform IHSS providers about:



## **Outreach Materials**





Five General Talking Points related to the CalFresh Expansion for SSI Recipients to encourage IHSS Recipients to apply for CalFresh

- Effective June 1, 2019, SSI/SSP Recipients are potentially eligible for food benefits through the CalFresh Program.
- The SSI/SSP benefit grant will not change.
- 63 Food benefits are available through the use of an Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card that works like a debit bank card.
- 4 You can use your EBT card at participating restaurants, supermarkets and Farmer's Markets. You can authorize your current provider (or other trusted person) to purchase food/groceries on your behalf!
- 6 I can assist you in connecting to food benefits today.

Further guidance based on the IHSS Recipient's response to Talking Point #5:

If the IHSS recipient/SSI recipient	Then do the following:
Is a member of a household that already receives CalFresh	Advise that they will be added to that existing Califresh case at the next: • Periodic SAR7 Report; • Recertification; or • They can choose to call CSC to be added anytime
Is not a member of a household that receives CalFresh and is interested in applying	Initiate a CalFresh application via GetCalFresh.org
Is <b>not</b> a member of a household that receives CalFresh, but is not interested in applying at that momen	Explain that they may apply later and provide them with a copy of:  The Pass-It-On Card

For more information on CalFresh Expansion for SSI/SSP Recipients, administrative staff may contact CalFresh Program at (562) 908-6345 or email: DPSSCalFresh@dpss.lacounty.gov





- These food benefits are delivered electronically via the Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) Card.
- These food benefits may be used at any participating restaurants, supermarkets, and/or Farmer's markets.

**How Can You Help? ENCOURAGE** your IHSS If you are an Authorized Representative for an IHSS Recipient(s) to apply for CalFresh in recipient, you may ASSIST in: one of three ways: CALL our Customer Service Center at (866) 613-3777 1) Submitting an application for CalFresh on their behalf. CLICK to apply online at 2) Purchasing the IHSS Recipient's food GetCalFresh.org using the assigned EBT card. COME IN to your nearest CalFresh District Office to apply in person For more information, or to find the nearest DPSS office, visit dpss.lacounty.gov or call (866) 613-3777 @ @LACo\_DPSS ☑ @LACo\_DPSS

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For more information on CalFresh or other programs offered by the Department of Public Social Services, visit dpss.lacounty.gov.

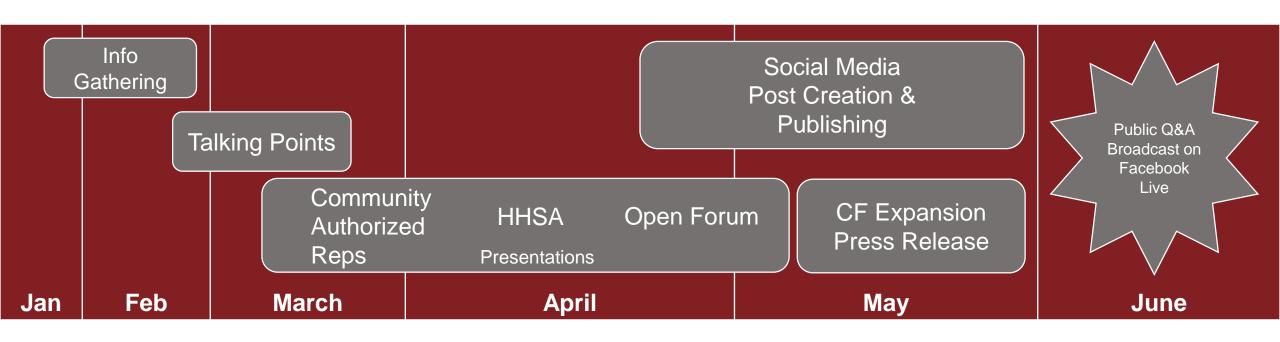
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## **Outreach Timeline**



## **Presentations**

### **Targeted Forums**

- Community AR Agencies
  - Hospitals
  - Long-Term Care
  - Advocates
- Adult Services
  - In Home Support Services
  - Mental Health Services

### **Open Forums**

- Open Agency Presentation
  - May 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Open Presentation for County personnel
  - Open to Depts. beyond HHSA
- Public Q&A
  - In Person Presentation
  - Simulcast on Facebook Live

## **Community Partners**



- Norcal 211
- Hill Country Health & Wellness
- Shasta Community Health Center
- Dignity Health
- PSA 2, Area Agency on Aging
- Good News Rescue Mission
- Salvation Army

- People of Progress
- Tri County Community Network
- WIC & NFP
- NorCal Center on Deafness
- IHSS
- Shascade Community Services
- Northern Valley Catholic Social Services

- Independent Living Services of Northern California
- SC Opportunity Center
- Far Northern Regional Center
- SC Office of Education
- Rowell Family Empowerment
- Redding Senior Center











## San Francisco-Marin Food Bank CalFresh Outreach

**Education** Direct and **Outreach Awareness** Community County Collaborations **Partnerships** 

- In-Depth Trainings, Client & CBO Education, Marketing Materials, Social Media
- Hiring, Targeted Screening and Application Assistance, Integrated FB Programming
- Hiring, Strategic Partnerships with CBOs serving SSI population
- CF Forum, Enrollment Events, Media Engagement, Monthly Calls





**FOOD BANK** 

## In Focus: Older Adult Programs

- Integration of Food Bank Programming to provide One-Stop Screening and Enrollment
- CSFP, Pantries, Home Delivered Groceries
- Predominantly SSI recipients
- On-site enrollment at CSFP distributions and Pantries
- Phone Screening and Enrollment for HDG participants





## **Enrollment Events at Senior Housing**

- Neighborhood Same Day Enrollment Events
  - SOMA/TL, Fillmore, Chinatown, Mission
- Train Housing Staff to Pre-Screen and Prep Clients with Medical Expenses
- Multiple Events/Week
- EWs on site to Interview











## CalFresh Expansion

- 400,000 or 33% of SSI recipients located in the 8 counties 2-1-1 currently serves
  - San Diego County
  - Imperial County
  - Kern County
  - San Bernardino
  - Santa Barbara
  - Orange County
  - Riverside County
  - Sacramento County

- Languages in focus:
  - Spanish
  - Cantonese
  - Tagalog
  - Vietnamese
  - Arabic







## Engage-Educate-Enroll Outreach Campaign

Engagement	Education	Enrollment
<ul> <li>Region-specific focus on accessible single points of entry for enrollment support</li> <li>Targeted outreach via direct mail, text, email marketing, social media, street outreach, GIS mapping</li> <li>Develop/strengthen partnerships with local agencies</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Language lines</li> <li>Multilingual staff</li> <li>Culturally competent, multilingual materials</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Over the phone</li> <li>On-site at subcontractor offices</li> <li>Mobile enrollment sites setup at high volume areas</li> </ul>





## Older Adult Outreach and the Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs)



- City and County of San Francisco has developed a Communications and Outreach Plan developed across multiple Departments, working in coordination
- Reaching Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities by utilizing our AAA services network, comprised of community based organizations throughout the City. Two activities we will be using:



## Older Adult Outreach and the AAAs – City of San Francisco

- 1) Forums for community based organizations (CBO) contracting with the City, with at least one focused on AAA providers
- Forum to provide background info about the CalFresh changes, data about eligible populations and distribution, training about resources and CalFresh, and launch of a toolkit designed for CBO use.
- This toolkit will a) orient CBOs to the policy change and its implications;
   b) describe how to assist SSI recipients in applying for CalFresh; c)
   deliver partner resources such as translated CDSS marketing materials
   (i.e. post cards, fact sheets); and d) provide research-based messaging
   for partners to use in their own outreach efforts as well as
   recommendations for how to implement them.





## Older Adult Outreach and the AAAs – City of San Francisco



- 2) Outstation of City eligibility workers at CBOs.
- Planning to outstation 4 workers at Aging and Disability Resource Center sites in the City
- City has 12 ADRCs located at CBO sites, the four selected will be with a focus on placing workers in neighborhoods with higher eligible population densities



## Outreach to People with Disabilities Through Developing Partnerships with Independent Living Centers (ILCs or CILs)





- ILCs are nonresidential, consumer controlled (by and for PWD) tasked with providing support for PWD to increase access to community-based living and resources
- 28 centers throughout California (Find your center <u>here</u>)
- Independent Living Specialists (ILS) work collaboratively with consumers to develop plans and identify appropriate community resources



## In Focus: Independent Living Approach for Working Collaboratively with PWD



- Working from a consumer centered perspective
  - Using appropriate language person centered versus identity centered (person with disability versus disabled)
- Collaboratively developing an Independent Living Plan (ILP)
- Assisting consumers with service navigation
  - With consumer permission, acting as a 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Contact
- Value provided through peer counseling







## **Example: From a New Consumer's Perspective**





- Often contact begins with a phone call
  - Sometimes first contract results in a simple Information & Referral service
- During intake, ILS ask about sources of income and current services received
- Most frequently requested services: Housing and opportunity to increase base income, access to healthcare and transportation
- Initial conversation at intake includes an opportunity to develop an ILP, which can now include opportunity for CalFresh application support



## **Current Application Assisters**

















## **New Application Assisters**

- Area Agencies on Aging/ Department of Aging (CDA)
- Independent Living Centers/
   Department of Rehabilitation (DOR)
- Regional Centers/ Department of Developmental Services (DDS)
- County Nutrition Action Partnerships (CNAP)/ Department of Public Health (CDPH)
- Social Security Administration (SSA)













## May is CalFresh Awareness Month







## **More Outreach Resources**

- CalFreshHealthyLiving.org
- Get More at the Farmers Market campaign

## **THANK YOU**

**Questions? Feedback?** 

Email: CalFreshAccess@dss.ca.gov

